IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Carroll R. Thompson	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3652
Serial No.: 10/679,702	§	
Confirmation No.: 9622	§	Examiner: Charles N. Greenhut
Filed: October 03, 2003	§	
	§	Customer No. 36735
For: PIPE HANDLING APPARATUS FOR PICK-UP AND LAY-DOWN MACHINE	§	

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 21, 2007, please enter this response and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0288.P1/WBP, the fee of $1,230.00 for three new independent claims and nine new dependent claims and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.